

Before a case may be dismissed based on failure to effectuate service, the Court must first ensure that the U.S. Marshal has used reasonable efforts to locate and obtain service on the named defendants. See Greene v. Holloway, No. 99-7380, 2000 WL 296314, at *1 (4th Cir. Mar. 22, 2000) (where the district court dismissed a defendant in a Section 1983 action based on the prisoner's failure to provide an address for service on a defendant who no longer worked at the sheriff's office, remanding so the district court could "evaluate whether the marshals could have served [Defendant] with reasonable effort").

The Court will instruct the U.S. Marshal to use reasonable efforts to locate and obtain service on Defendant Rushing if safe means of doing so are available. Defendant's home address shall be redacted from the summons forms for security purposes following service on Defendant Rushing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

The Clerk is respectfully instructed to mail a copy of this Order to the U.S. Marshal.

Signed: November 27, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank D. Whitney", written over a horizontal line.

Frank D. Whitney
Chief United States District Judge

